whether Government purpose to permit the said Mission to visit the valley; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to effectively counter Pakistan's diplomatic offensiv aimed at mobilising international Islamic opinion in its favour in its efforts to internationalise the Kashmir issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The OIC Foreign Ministers meeting held in Istanbul from 4-8 August, 1991 adopted a resolution which, inter-*alia*, called for the visit of a three member "fact-finding mission" to J&K. Government are of the view that there is a no scope for any third party involvement in the Kashmir issue and that the OIC has no locus standi in the matter Any such visit is, therefore, unacceptable.

(b) Government have and will continue to take all appropriate measures to project the correct picture regarding the situation in Jammu and Kashmir. The international community has also been apprised of Pakistan's assistance to terrorism and subversion in the State, which is an integral part of India. There is widespread endorsement of the Simla Agreement and appreciation of India's position.

**Raising of Kashmir Issue in UNO by JKLF**

1335. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) misused a U.N. Sub-Commission on prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities at Geneva and reportedly issued threats of violen e in this UN Forum against India, a reported in the 'Hindustan Times' N w Delhi dated the 17th August, 1991 and

(b) if so, the steps India has taken or propose to take for the discontinuance of such attempts to malign India by these terrorist organisations at U.N. Forums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Under the aegis of a non-governmental organisation called "Liberation", a representative of the so-called JKLF addressed the UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities in Geneva on 13th August, 1991 and alleged human rights violations and denial of the right of "self-determination" to the people of J. and K. Exercising the right of reply the Permanent Representative of India to the UN office at Geneva rebutted the baseless allegations made and expressed strong objection for a terrorist organisation like the JKLF being allowed to misuse the auspices of a non-governmental organisation to issue threats of violence against India. The subversive and violent activities of JKLF were outlined and it was made clear that J&K was an integral part of India.

**Problem of Fake Passports**

1336. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

SHRI SYED SIBETY RAZI:
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to countenance the problem of fake passports and to eliminate the deficiencies in the present system, alongwith the modus operandi of such fradulent practices;

(b) whether it is a fact that at present even in genuine cases it takes as many as six months or more to issue the passport by the R. P. O., New Delhi on the plea of non-receipt of timely Police Reports; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken to streamline the existing procedure, and expedite the issue of passports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) More Secured Passports (MSP) with additional security features were introduced in India from 16 August, 1990 which would make photo substitution, the main modus-operandi of forgers, difficult.

(b) No, Sir. The average time taken to issue passports by the Passport Office, Delhi is five weeks except in these cases where reports are not satisfactory.

(c) Steps taken in this regard were given in Annexure II in reply to the Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 1449 dated 31-7-91

**Vacancies in Mental Hospital, Shahdara, Dehi**

1337. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of vacancies in Group 'D' posts have been lying vacant in the Mental Hospital, Shahdara, Delhi since long;

(b) whether it is a fact that nominees of the Employment Exchanges have been awaiting their interviews/selections; and

(c) if so, by when the interview/selection formalities would be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The Delhi Administration have reported that there were 30 vacancies of Group 'D' posts in Mental Hospital, Shahdara upto March, 1991. Of these, 24 vacancies were notified to the Employment Exchange. The remaining 6 vacancies are to be filled up by departmental promotion.

(b) and (c) The particulars of candidates has been received from Employment Exchanges and a meeting for selection has been fixed for 14.9.1991.

**U.S. Congressional Report.**

1338. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the U.S. Congressional Report entitled 'Democrat India is no Iraq' which says that no U.S. national interest would appear served by supporting separatist movement in India;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to dispel the impression created by the report; and

(c) the action taken by Government to demur such wild and malicious propaganda?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Government have been the Congressional Research Service Report entitled "India: Regional Dissidence And Human Rights problems.

(b) and (c) Government have made consistent efforts to project the correct picture of developments in this regard.

**News-Item Captioned "Government Changes, Phones—Tapping goes on"**

1339. SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATEL:
DR. BAPU KALDTAE:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Government changes, phone—tapping goes on" which appeared in Indian Express of 7th August, 1991 and if so, whether any action has been taken on various instances cited on phone—tapping;

(b) whether any cognizanhe has been taken of the prone—tapping as alleged and as complained by various MLAs and MPs against Karnataka Government; and